Inclusive Preschool Expansion

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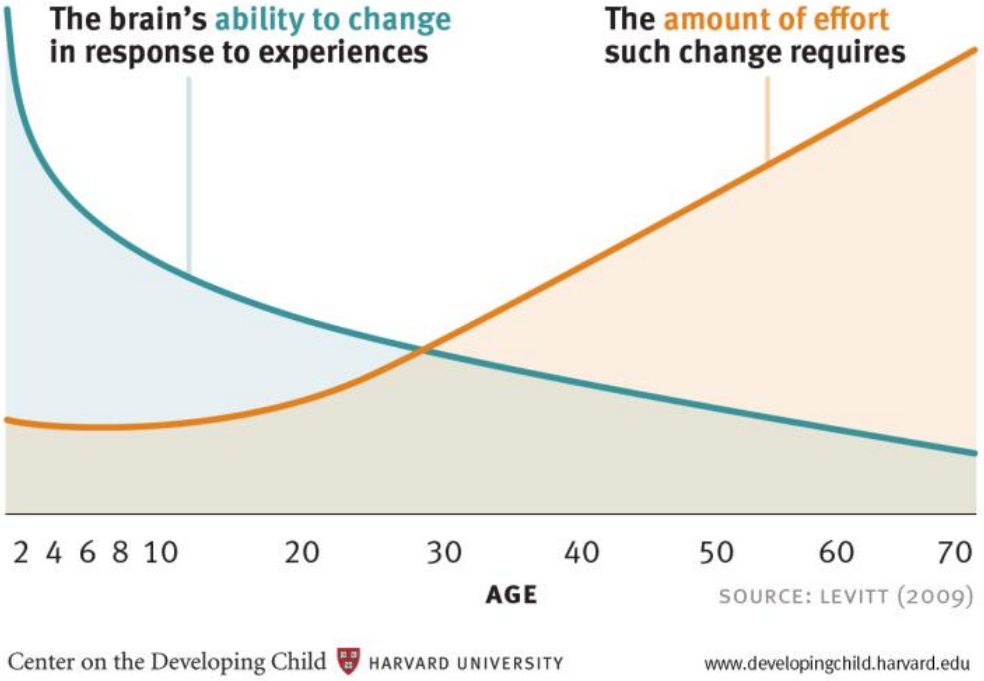

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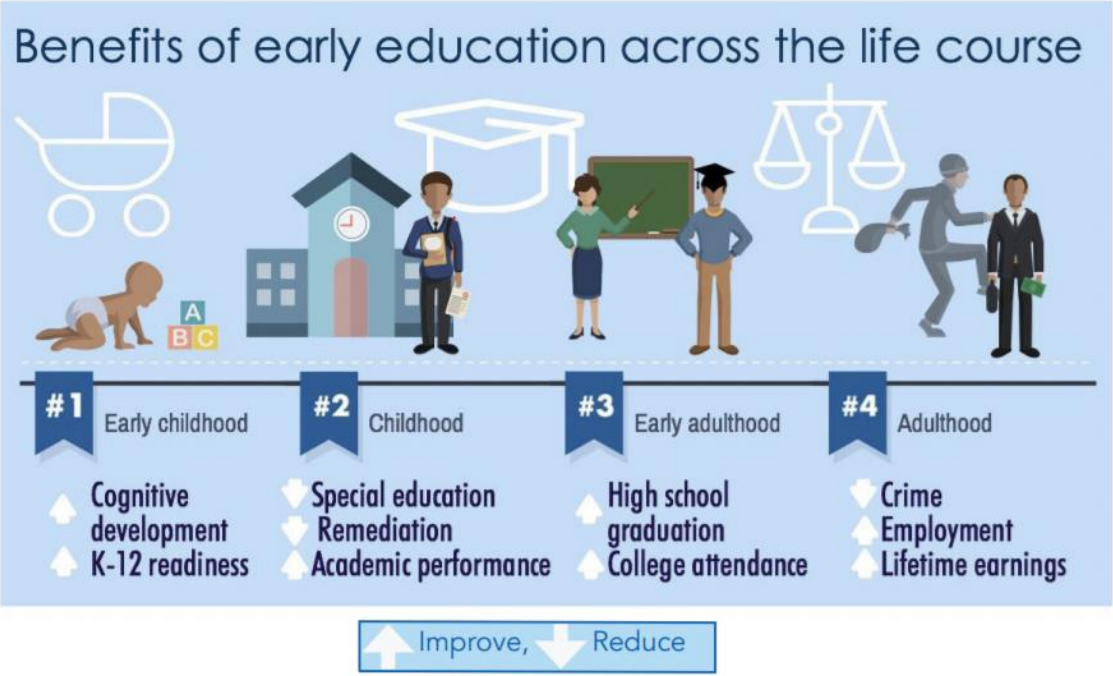
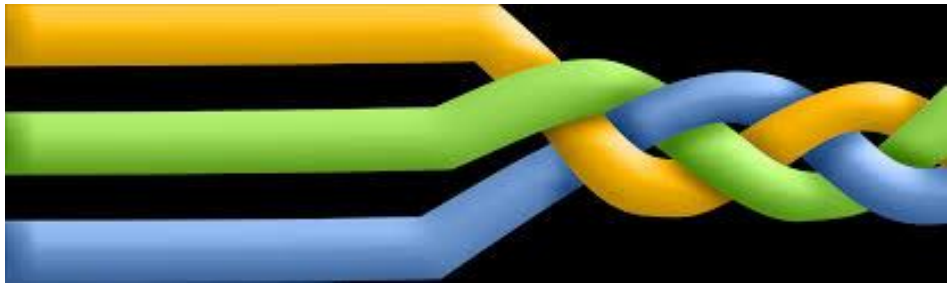


Read more about the Economic Impacts of Investing in Early Childhood Education in Indiana in this 2016 report.

Blending and Braiding Funding



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Blending and Braiding Funding

Funding outside of IDOE

http://providers.brighterfuturesindiana.org/index.html

Funding outside of IDOE

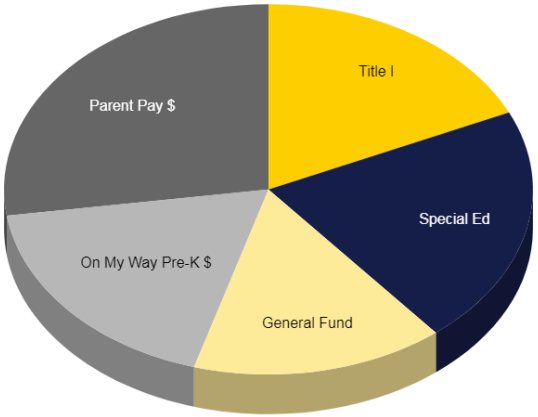
This page offers updates when available

Funding for:

- Four yr. old classes only
- Educator salaries
- Equipment/materials
- Curriculum
- Family Engagement
- Marketing and Communication
- Professional Development

Funding Sources

Funding Sources Example: Blue & Yellow pieces are annual dollar amounts from IDOE. Gray pieces can increase and allow you to expand your program and serve more children.



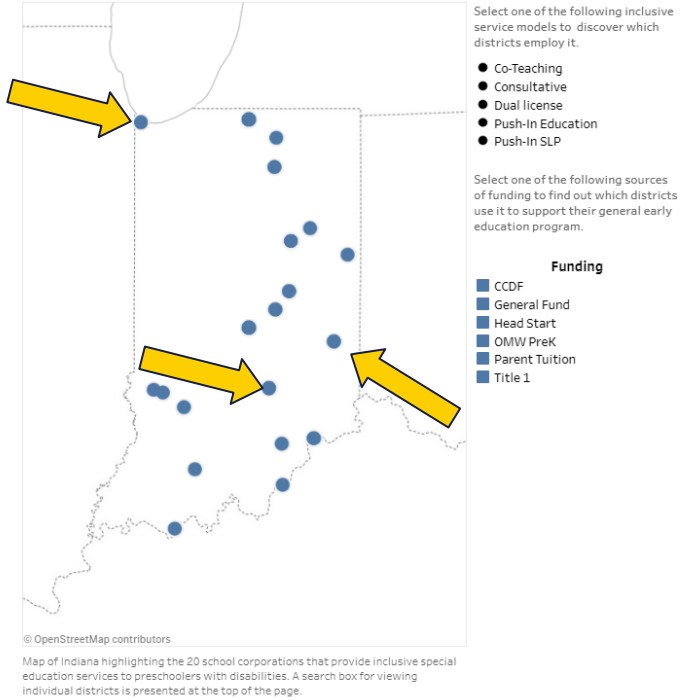
Inclusion

We are more alike than different!

Inclusion Directory

There are three districts from the directory highlighted in this presentation.

Directory



Map of Indiana highlighting the 20 school corporations that provide inclusive special education services to preschoolers with disabilities. A search box for viewing individual districts is presented at the top of the page.

Spotlight Panel Discussion

Give us a little background on your school district and its history of offering inclusive early learning programs.

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Spotlight Panel Discussion

What funding streams do you use to support your early learning program?

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What successes have you had?

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What are some of the challenges or barriers you face or have faced?

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Do you have any insight to share on sustainability?

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Taking a closer look at educators and support staff, tell us how you've worked to bring everyone to the same table, to align educator mindset, to get educator buy in for moving to an inclusive model? And what professional development did you engage educators in to accomplish this?

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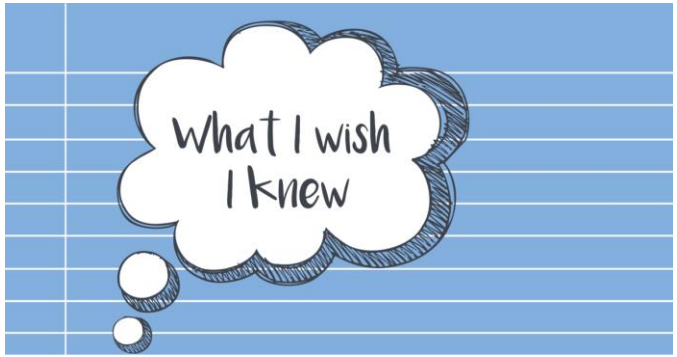

What do you wish you knew when you started?

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Who are some of the key stakeholders you've engaged with to accomplish your mission?

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Inclusive Preschool in Action

Navigate to this page to watch the video…

BCSC Pre-K Learn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMivZBCGI0E&list=PLdeieBBzvHHPVDZ_-btpstCBxA5Qb_Vc3&index=3

Community of Practice

#INspirED Early

Save the Date!

Community of Practice

for School Administrators of Preschool Programs

Indiana Department of Education

What: #INspirED Early CoP in-person networking and convening!

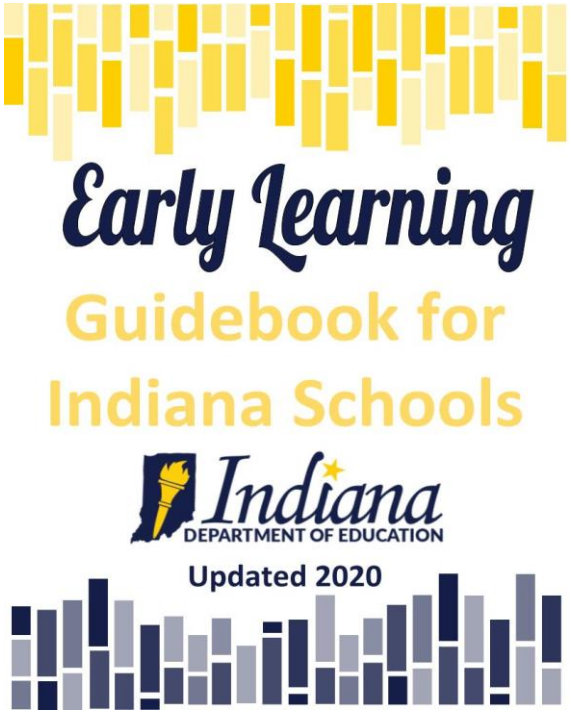
When: Monday morning November 9th, 2020 (Time TBD, before the conference)

Promoting Positive Outcomes
Early Childhood Special Education Conference

Where: Preschool Special Education Conference
Monroe County Convention Center, Bloomington IN

Early Learning Guidebook

Early Learning Guidebook for Indiana Schools



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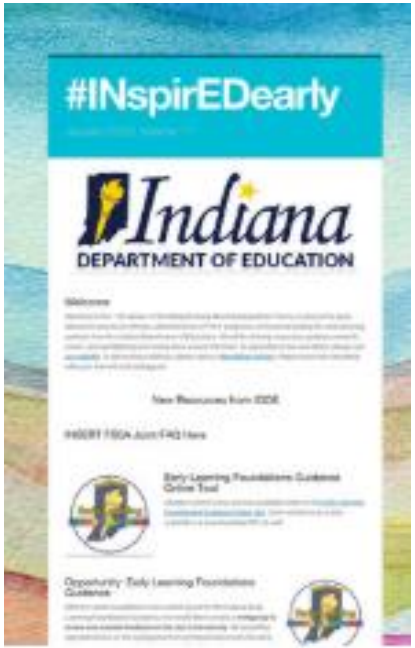

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IDOE and the 2020 Census

Impacts Funding
Impacts Students

- Academic Support
- Special Education
- Educator Development
- School Lunch Programs
- Head Start → Early Learning
- After-School Programs

Your students' future depends on the census.

Resources
https://www.doe.in.gov/INCensus2020

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Thank You.

Session Survey!

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